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1. REFTEL A ADVISED ACTION ADDRESSEES THAT GAO WASHINGTON

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INFORMED DEPARTMENT THEY PLAN CONDUCT FIELD SURVEYS ON U.S.

TRADE POLICY TOWARD LDCS, AND THAT GAO TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF TWO AUDITORS SPENDING APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN-COUNTRY. SURVEY NOW UNDERWAY IN NEW DELHI.

2. FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED OF GAO OFFICIALS HERE, SURVEY WILL COVER WIDE VARIETY TRADE POLICY ISSUES, WITH GAO AUDITORS PLANNING CONFER WITH EMBASSY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPS, PRIVATE EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS. ILLUSTRATIONS OF GAO QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED ARE: 1) IS TRADE PERCEIVED AS REALISTIC MEANS OF STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT BY DEVELOPING NATIONS? 2) WHAT ARE DEVELOPING NATIONS PERCEPTIONS OF U. S. TRADE POLICY? 3) WHAT DO DEVELOPING NATIONS CONSIDER TO BE THEIR MOST SIGNIFICANT TRADE PROBLEMS? 4) WHAT IS IMPACT OF ENERGY CRISIS, COMMODITY SHORTAGES AND INTERNATIONAL INFLATION ON U. S. TRADE POLICY TOWARD DEVELOPING NATIONS? 5) WHAT ARE DEVELOPING NATIONS' PERCEPTIONS OF THE GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SECTION OF THE CURRENT U.S. TRADE REFORM BILL? GAO AUDITORS ALSO INTERESTED IN CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IN AREA OF INTRA-DEVELOPING NATION TRADE.

3. REFTEL A PROVIDED BANGKOK, JAKARTA, MANILA WITH NAMES AND SCHEDULE OF GAO AUDITORS. GAO AUDITORS MICHAEL LAMBERT AND JOSEPH CATALANO SCHEDULE FOLLOWS: NAIROBI OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1; DAR ES SALAAM NOVEMBER 4 - 8; TANANARIVE NOVEMBER 11-15; LUSAKA NOVEMBER 18-22. LAMBERT AND CATALANO HOLD TOP SECRET CLEARANCES. GAO AUDITORS JOSEPH VEIGA AND RALPH TAVERAS WILL CONDUCT SURVEY AT CARACAS, LA PAZ, LIMA, MEXICO CITY, SANTIAGO DURING NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 16, WITH SPECIFIC COUNTRY DATES TO BE PROVIDED POSTS SOONEST. VEIGA AND TAVERAS HOLD SECRET AND INTERIM SECRET RESPECTIVELY.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT SURVEY WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934. GAO AWARE THAT ANY CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF USG OFFICIAL COMMUNITY ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR AND TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY. ANY GAO REQUEST TO INTERVIEW OFFICIALS OF UN AGENCIES REQUIRES DEPARTMENT APPROVAL. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE REFERRED UNCLASSIFIED

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